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Father Darkleaf

by c. h. r.

ll, another Christmas is be-
us. We are even, in most homes,
ing out of hash.

day is New Year's Day. It is a
t sort of person who does not
sentiment on the occasion of
beginning of a new year—some
s to "do better" and all that.
the formal matter of making
itions has, in my opinion, dried
e stem. Most of the time, the
was in making resolutions we
d have realized to start with
we were not going to keep.
fact of life has caused most
s to cease making New Year
utions. But, maybe that is not
answer. Maybe we should make
resolutions more in keeping with
determination and record of
rmance. Maybe we should set
sights on "just a little better"
last year, rather than shooting
the moon of perfection.

less the mention of his name,
beloved Robert Burns, the great
of Scotland, told us so much
the human side of life. One of
lamentations is that we are so
less a generation and ply our-
es with such pressures, we have
gotten the mountain tops of life
fessioned by our great poets. If,
1959, I could make a resolution,
a wish, it would be from the
Robert Burns wrote to an old
tish bard, John Lapraik, in
6. In verse 18, Burns said, us-
the Old Scotch, and you will
ly translate it:-

e me as spark o' Nature's fire,
it's a' the learning I desire;
n, tho' I drudge thro' dub
an' mire
At plough or cart,
Muse, tho' hamely in attire,
May touch the heart."

Mother Brightleaf and I had a
ler rugged Christmas. Whenever
ristmas Day, or any holiday comes
a Thursday, it leaves us limp.
had set our sights on getting out
Christmas issue Wednesday,
we finally made it, after a ter-
e work schedule. When we final-
got home Christmas Eve night,
decided to pass up attempting
put up the Christmas tree, which
s still in Lynchburg, ordered but
nailed for. But, Mother Bright-
f went after it, and she was up
4:15 A. M. Christmas Day, and
5:30 had it up and decorated to
fection. Bless her. Then, after a
e hours of work at the shop, we
t at 10 A. M. to spend the day
h our folks at Culpeper. Had an
ful time finding any eating place
n, and ended up at the Warren
een Hotel in Warrenton, two
rs behind schedule. There was
tually no traffic on the highway,
one stretch of fifty miles, we
t only five cars. We had figured
being back in Appomattox by
0, and had invited guests in for
6 o'clock dinner. That schedule
uld have allowed time for said
ner to be prepared. But, we ar-
ed in town at 6:15, and had to
ll up our guests and beg them
understand, and wait for the din-
g'ong. What a day.

pparently most people just stay-
quietly at home Christmas Day.
you, one lady told me this week
she had 26 for Christmas din-
! Who holds the record? What
ngs on there must be in the
chen, to feed 20 to 30 guests!
would wear out six can-openers
handle such a situation. But, I
all what experts our Virginia
ies are in preparing and serving
at family dinners. Yes, and I re-
one home we used to visit where
climax of Christmas meal
the moment when the hostess
fired from the kitchen with the
e tray of plum pudding ablaze!
ow was a trick to that, and you
missed something glorious, if
have not seen that masterpiece,
ing plum pudding at Christmas.

ust because a man has an axe
grind he doesn't become a woods-
n.

Charity is a great virtue, but it
seldom seen in economic activi-
y.

You can never tell when a little
ful driving will save your life
the highway.

Some men think their families
them a lot if they take them out
dinner once a year.

Nobody begrudges Santa Claus a
rest; the genial fellow has done a
good job at the right time.

Home Agent Returns Feb. 1; Assistant Goes To Roanoke Co.

Miss Mary Owen Armistead, who has been serving so capably as Acting Home Demonstration Agent in Appomattox County during the absence of Mrs. Ella S. Anderson, has been appointed as Assitant Home Demonstration Agent in Roanoke County, effective February 1, 1959. Miss Armistead assumed her duties in this county on January 1, 1958, when Mrs. Anderson left the county to do graduate work at Purdue University in Indiana. Mrs. Anderson will resume her duties as Appomattox County Home Demonstration Agent effective February 1.

Winners Listed For Decoration

Every year the Garden Club sponsors outdoor decorations of homes and business places, and arranges for the judging of same. This year the judging was done by committees from the Future Homemakers of America, under the sponsorship of Mrs. Lucey Green.

In the business places, the winners were as follows:

1st: Appomattox Hardware Co.
2nd: J. E. Sears & Co.
3rd: Bank of Appomattox.
Honorable mention: Robinson's Furniture Store.

The winners for home decorations were:

Doorway
1st: Mrs. Ivey Holland
2nd: Mrs. Thomas Richardson
3rd: Mrs. J. E. Sears.

Over-all
1st: Mrs. R. A. Sears
2nd: Mrs. A. R. Harwood, Jr.
3rd: Mrs. William Burke.

Outside
1st: H. C. Pulliam, Jr.
2nd: Mrs. T. M. Trent
3rd: Bobby Mitchell.

Farm Class At Pamplin

John G. Plunkett, Appomattox County Treasurer, will lead the discussion on "Farmers' Income Tax Problems" at the first 1959 meeting of the Pamplin Adult Farmers Class. This group will meet in the Pamplin School on Thursday night, January 8, 1959, at 7:30 o'clock.

The advisory committee for the class considered income tax problems of enough impotrance to farmers in this area to choose it as the opening topic for a series of meetings. Other topics chosen by the committee which will follow are: Welding for the Farmer, on January 15; The ACP Program with Mr. J. N. Jennings as discussion leader, on January 22; Keeping Farm Records, on January 29; Recommended Crop Varieties, with County Agent James A. Smith as discussion leader, on February 5; Soil Testing, Liming and Fertilizing Crops, February 12; Developing a Soil and Water Conservation Program for the Farm, with Soil Conservationist Ed Dickerson, on February 19; Certifying Disease Free Beef and Dairy Herds, February 26; Determining Whether to Use Artificial Insemination, March 5; Woodland Management, on March 12.

The advisory committee composed of Mr. Cecil Ligon, Mr. Eugene Sears, Mr. Luther Nash, Mr. James Rosser, and Mr. Everett Tibbs recently met with Instructor W. Lewis Motley and decided upon these topics. The class meets every Thursday night for ten weeks and is open to all farmers in the Pamplin area. The class is co-sponsored by the Pamplin Ruritan Club and the Appomattox Vocational Agriculture Department as an effort to help the area farmers keep abreast of the newest methods in agriculture.

Renew your subscription.

Ike discusses GOP rift with Senator Bridges.

Peiping insists Mao is still Red China boss.

The person who always has bad luck may be specializing in it.

FARM SHOP SCHEDULE ANNOUNCED

The Pamplin Farm Shop Class will open Monday night, January 5, 1959, at 6:30 o'clock. This first class night will be primarily for enrolling members and explaining the operating procedure for the year. Mr. J. Everett Tibbs will be the instructor for the class, which will be under the general supervision of W. Lewis Motley and the Vocational Agriculture Department of Appomattox High School. Dues for membership in this class are $1.50.

Tentative plans are being made to offer the members special instruction this year in arc (electric) welding and in tractor maintenance. Plans for this special instruction will be explained at the January 9th meeting. Acetylene welding may be offered as special instruction.

The farm shop class is offered to farmers to help them better prepare themselves to farm in this highly mechanical age. Learning the proper methods to use, care for, adjust and maintain farm machinery and equipment is of primary importance to the farmer of today. This class offers the farmer an opportunity to learn better farm equipment maintenance.

The class meets in the basement of the Pamplin School on Monday nights.

Demonstration Club Schedule

Home Demonstration Club meetings next week will be held on the following schedule:

Monday, Jan. 5: Country Lane Club will meet at 7:30 P. M. with Mrs. Cecil Rowe. Mrs. Twyman Coleman, co-hostess.

Tuesday, Jan. 6: Lee Club will meet at 2 P. M. with Mrs. H. A. Torrence.

Wednesday, Jan. 7: Glendale Club will meet at 2 P. M. with Mrs. Howard Nash.

Thursday, Jan. 8: Stonewall Club will meet at 2:00 P. M. with Mrs. C. M. Stratton.

Thursday, Jan. 8: Rocks Club will meet at 7:30 P. M. with Mrs. Florence Hanson.

Friday, Jan. 9: Oaksville Club will meet at 1 P. M. with Mrs. C. D. Lewis.

Meeting On Aromatic Leaf

County farmers interested in supplementing their farm income during 1959, will be interested in growing aromatic tobacco. This tobacco requires no allotment. A meeting to discuss this type of tobacco will be conducted by Aromatic Tobacco Specialist R. L. Shaw, at the Appomattox Court House on Tuesday, January 13, beginning at 7:30 P. M. All interested farmers are invited to attend.

SCHOOLS REOPEN MONDAY

Public schools will reopen Monday, after the extended Chirstmas holidays.

Observing New Year's Day

Appomattox was observing New Year's Day today in a quiet manner. The banks and the post office and a few stores were closed. Appomattox Garment Co. was operating as usual, and about half of the business places were open.

Life is so arranged that the more you have, the more you want, and that's what keeps man going.

Children learn much from their adult companions. That's what is wrong with many children.

Advice: when you think you are right, go ahead. If you are wrong, you'll find out soon enough.

Subscription rate: $2.00 a year.

Highway Dept. Lists Results of '58 Work

Approximately 105 miles of secondary roads in Appomattox and Campbell Counties were resurfaced during 1958 and 18 miles were hardsurfaced for the first time, Resident Engineer C. A. Palmer, of Appomattox, reported today.

Because of the extensive damage done to roads by snow and freezing weather last winter, Palmer said, the secondary program was directed mainly towards resurfacing and heavy maintenance work necessary to restore roads to a satisfactory condition.

The 6.5 miles of new surfacing in Appomattox County included 2.4 miles of Route 609 between Route 608 and the Campbell County line; one mile of Route 616 which was extended from Route 615 to Route 663; 0.7 mile of Route 633 (Hixburg Road) which was extended from Route 621 to Route 619; 1.6 mile of Route 679 from Route 604 west; and 0.8 mile of Route 1011 connecting Routes 24 and 656.

Other secondary road improvements in Appomattox during the year, Palmer said, were the completion of three bridges on the following routes: 638 at Big Cub Creek, 627 over south fork of the Appomattox River, and on 645 between Route 643 and 679.

A weak bridge on Route 685 was replaced with a culvert and pipe was installed to eliminate a ford at a stream on Route 685, a mail route in the county. Three bridges were widened, and two others were strengthened to carry minimum loads of 10 tons.

Approximately 130 miles of the 408 miles of secondary roads in Appomattox are hard surfaced, Palmer said.

In Campbell, new hard surfacing was completed on 11.6 miles of secondary roads. This mileage included 0.8 mile of Route 609, completing the hard surfacing from Route 608 in Appomattox County to Route 726 leading to the Babcock-Wilcox plant near Mt. Athos in Campbell County. The longest section of road hard surfaced was three miles of Route 656 between Route 632 and the Bedford County line. Other new surfacing included 0.5 mile of Route 622 from Flat Creek to Route 690; 1.1 mile of Route 650 north of Route 501; 1.2 mile of Route 692 from 693 north of Castle Craig; 1.6 mile of Route 711 near Altavista; on Route 1013 to the Lynchburg rendering plant; 9675 to the Rustburg Elementary School, and 9678 to the new Seneca School.

Slightly more than two miles of subdivision streets were constructed by subdividers and taken into the secondary system, and .46 mile of industrial access road was built and paved from Route 128 to the General Electric Company plant.

Almost 71 miles of secondary roads in Campbell were resurfaced; 4.25 miles were grades and stabilized; two bridges were built on Routes 669 and 637; three weak bridges were replaced with culverts; and one bridge on Route 669 was widened and its load capacity increased to a minimum of 10 tons.

The secondary system in Campbell embraces 575 miles, of which 357 miles are hard surfaced.

Primary system accomplishments in Appomattox County included a new plant-mix surface on US 460 from the Prince Edward County line at Pamplin to the east corporate limits of Appomattox, 10.18 miles, and on 1.14 miles of 460 from the Campbell County line east. On Route 24, from Appomattox to the Buckingham County line, shoulders and slopes were conditioned and seeded. A concrete island to channel traffic was constructed at the intersection of Routes 131 and 24 in the town of Appomattox by convict road forces. Convict labor also is being used for curb and gutter construction on US 460 in Appomattox.

Spout Spring S. C. A.

The Spout Spring S. C. A. held its regular monthly meeting on Friday, Dec. 19. For the program, the origin of Christmas customs was used. Those taking part were:

Santa Claus, N. H. Jones.
Tiny Tim, Carolyn Coleman.
Rudolph, the Red Nosed Reindeer, D. C. Floyd.
Littlest Angel, Sandra Sykes.
Silent Night, Gloria Puckett.
Christmas Play, by Ruby and Patsy Mayberry.
Christmas Story, by Mrs. Jennings.

Senator Russell calls defense cuts wrong.

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Approval Given Tobacco Quotas

Preliminary returns from the December 15 referendum on flue-cured tobacco marketing quotas show that 166,896 or 95.4 per cent of the 174,863 growers voting favored marketing quotas for the three marketing years beginning July 1, 1959. Of the total voting, 7,965 or 4.6 per cent were opposed to quotas. (Observers reported that the number of voters was reduced by widespread snowstorms).

Since more than the necessary two-thirds of those voting favored the 3-year quotas, the marketing quota program will continue in effect for the 1959, 1960, and 1961 crops of flue-cured tobacco. Marketing penalties will apply to flue-cured tobacco produced in excess of farm acreage allotments, and price support as provided in the controlling legislation will be available to farmers who comply with their allotments.

In the last previous referendum on flue-cured tobacco marketing quotas, held July 23, 1955, growers approved quotas for the 1956, 1957 and 1958 flue-cured crops. In that referendum, 200,444 votes were cast, of which 97.3 per cent were in favor of quotas.

A tabulation of the vote by states in the December 15, 1958, referendum follows:

State	Total vote	% For
Alabama	59	98.3
Florida	2,094	94.0
Georgia	8,762	90.6
North Carolina	131,963	96.0
South Carolina	14,407	95.3
Virginia	17,608	93.8

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CAFETERIA MENU

Jan. 5: Cream of tomato soup with crackers, open face sandwich with melted cheese, baked apples, cookie, 1-2 pt. milk.

Jan. 6: Beef hash on toasted bun, whipped potatoes, mixed greens, peaches, 1-2 pt. milk.

Jan. 7: Hot dog in roll with dressing, cole slaw, baked beans, ice cream, 1-2 pt. milk.

Jan. 8: Turkey with gravy, green peas, sweet potato puffs with marshmallow, hot yeast bread with butter, jello, 1-2 pt. milk.

Jan. 9: Vegetable stew with crackers, baked potato with butter, hot ginger bread, apple sauce, 1-2 pt. milk.

WINNERS IN CONTEST

The Southside Tuberculosis Association announced today the local winners in the 22nd annual Columbia Scholastic Press Project, in which student publications over the nine county area served by the Association were invited to join.

Blackstone High School's "The Ram's Horn" won top prize. Second prize will go to the Amelia High School's "Oriole Highlights," and third prize will go to the Buckingham Central High School's "The Centralizer."

Basketball Game Jan. 6

Appomattox H. S. will return to its basketball schedule on Tuesday, January 6, after laying off for the Christmas holidays. The opponent Tuesday night will be Buckingham H. S., and the game will be played at Buckingham's Central H. S.

On January 9, A. H. S. will go to Amherst H. S. for a game, and the next home game will be played against Buckingham here Jan. 13.

Add similes: As welcome as a cold snap without any fire in the house.

The world's greatest personalities have been simple, unaffected human beings.

Dial 2811 with Personals.

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Chicago Mayor seeks a second term.

Hat industry agrees to curb overtime in spring.

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Rainfall Record For '58 Normal

"Normal" rainfall in Appomattox is supposed to be 39.35 inches during a year. Appomattox had just exactly that during 1958.

Figures for January, 1958, are not available. The late Mr. W. S. Taylor, who kept the weather statistics for the U. S. Weather Bureau here for many years, has been succeeded in that position by Mrs. John Taylor. Mrs. Taylor has been unable to find the January, 1958 report. The record for the remaining eleven months of 1958 follows:

February	3.19
March	3.58
April	4.74
May	2.94
June	5.73
July	1.84
August	3.58
September	1.95
October	1.62
November	1.38
December	3.77

Eleven month total: 34.27 inches.

BOWLING LEAGUE

Team	W	L
Fire Department	18	3
Transco No. 1	13	8
Garment Company	11	10
G. E.	11	10
J. C.'s	10	11
Transco No. 2	9	12
B. & W.	7	14
State Police	5	16

High team, Fire Dept., 1581; high set, Dick Base, 375; high game, 152.

Toy Project Successful

Transco Club, Appomattox, wishes to express sincere appreciation to the good people of Appomattox County who so generously contributed in clothing and used toys for needy children of the county. The toys were repaired to first class condition by members of Transco, and distributed with other gifts to 65 children on Christmas Eve. Some toys have been left over and are stored away for use in next year's campaign, which it is sure the public will again support. Those having used toys available for disposal are invited to call Transco on the phone, Appomattox 2901, and they will be picked up, repaired and stored for distribution next Christmas.

Womans Club Meets Monday

The Woman's Club of Appomattox will meet Monday, January 5, at the Elementary School cafeteria, at 3:15 P. M. The Welfare Department, of which Mrs. Hannon Wilson is chairman, will present the program. The speaker for the meeting will be Mr. Ward A. Dean, of Lynchburg, who is Probation and Patrol Officer for District 13. Mr. Ward will speak on Juvenile Delinquency. Anyone interested is invited to attend this meeting.

Hostesses for the meeting will be: Mrs. H. Y. Spencer, Mrs. John S. Grinela, Mrs. J. D. McDearmon, and Mrs. Walter E. Ferrell.

Tax Meeting For Farmers

The annual farmers' meeting on the subject of taxes and social security will be held at the Appomattox Court House on Monday, January 12, at 8:00 P. M. Mr. W. J. Nuckols, Jr., Associate Extension Agricultural Economist, VPI, will conduct the meeting. All Appomattox County farmers are invited to attend. This meeting will be of invaluable assistance in helping to prepare the yearly tax returns.

New Year's Day bowl football games being played this afternoon.

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